

June 1, 2004

**TO:** Hospital Emergency Rooms

**FROM:** State Fire Marshal Mary L. Corso, Fire Protection Bureau

**SUBJECT:** Fireworks-Related Injuries and Fires

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is asking for your cooperation in collecting certain information on fireworks-related injuries. A study of the causes of fireworks-related incidents will provide important data that will help us to develop education materials to increase consumer awareness and influence industry regulations and legislative actions.

We ask you to copy the enclosed *Fireworks Fire/Injury Report* as needed, and complete one form for each fireworks-related injury. Please make copies of this form available to emergency room staff and available to ambulance services and paramedic units. Return completed forms by August 1, 2004, by fax to (360)753-0398, e-mail to [karen.jones@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:karen.jones@wsp.wa.gov) or to the address on the bottom of the form. The form, fireworks device identification and 2003 data are available at <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fireworks/datacoll.htm>.

Information received in 2003 has been compiled into a report and is available on line at <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fireworks/mediakit/statistics.htm>. For copies of the CD, package of 100 flyers, questions or additional information, please contact Deputy State Fire Marshal Karen S. Jones, Fire Protection Bureau, at (360) 753-0435. Your participation is significant in keeping citizens safe during Independence Day celebrations.

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Enclosure